

COF Announces Scholarship Winners for Academic Year 2009-2010

Thirteen deserving dependents of PHS Commissioned Officers have been awarded a total of \$4,750 in Scholarship money for the 2009-2010 academic year. Winners were chosen by a panel of PHS Officers. Congratulations to the following:

Justin Rex Boice, from Rockville, MD is the winner of the **Ronald Lessing Memorial Scholarship** award for \$1,000. He is currently attending Georgetown Preparatory School in Bethesda, MD. He has been accepted at seven universities and is awaiting decisions from three others. His COA sponsor is CAPT John D. Boice Jr., USPHS, (Ret).

Kayla Meeks, from Tuttle, OK is the winner of the **Atlanta Branch Scholarship**. Kayla attends East Central University, in Ada, OK. Her goal is to become a Physical Therapist. Her COA sponsor is CAPT Kevin Meeks, USPHS.

Laura A. Divel, from Rockville, MD winner of the **Fort Duchesne Scholarship**. Laura is attending the University of Notre Dame pursuing a degree in Civil Engineering. Her COA sponsor is CAPT Josephine E. Divel, USPHS.

Brittany Coyner, from Hopewell, VA winner of the **Rio Grande Branch Scholarship**. Brittany will be graduating from the University of West Florida in May 2010 with a degree in Psychology. Her COA sponsor is CDR William Coyner, USPHS.

William C. Redd, from Atlanta, GA is the winner of the **Bemidji Branch Scholarship**. He is attending Vanderbilt University majoring in Mechanical Engineering. His COA sponsor is RADM Stephen C. Redd, USPHS.

Preston Tilus, from Tucson, AZ is the winner of the **European Branch Scholarship**. Preston will graduate from the University of Arizona in May 2010. His major is Computer Science. His COA sponsor is LT Michael Tilus, USPHS.

Caitrin O'Brien, from Potomac, MD is the winner of a **DC Metro Branch Scholarship**. Caitrin is majoring in Economics-Government (Dual) Leadership Sequence at Claremont McKenna College. Her COA sponsor is CAPT Thomas R. O'Brien, USPHS.

Kimberly Marie Hudon, from Milton, FL is the winner of a **DC Metro Branch Scholarship**. She has just begun her studies at the University of Florida majoring in Biological Sciences. Her COA sponsor is CDR Richard N. Hudon, USPHS.

Natalie E. Slepski, from Homosassa, FL is the winner of a **DC Metro Branch Scholarship**. She is attending the University of South Florida, Graduate School of Public Health, Department of Global Health, Tampa, FL. Her anticipated graduation date is May 2010. Her COA sponsor is CAPT Lynn A Slepski, USPHS.

Marianne B. Lalonde, from Poolesville, MD is the winner of a **DC Metro Branch Scholarship**. She has just begun working toward her PhD in Chemistry at Northwestern University. Her COA sponsor is CDR Francois M. Lalonde, USPHS.

David Davis, from Union City, CA is the winner of a **DC Metro Branch Scholarship**. David attends the University of California, Santa Barbara, majoring in Economics. His COA sponsor is CAPT Michael Davis, USPHS.

Candice Johnson, from Irving, TX is the winner of the **Commissioned Officers Association Scholarship**. She is attending Florida A&M University in Tallahassee, FL. Her COA sponsor is LCDR Anthony L. Johnson, USPHS.

David H. Pearson, from Casa Grande, AZ is the winner the **PHS Commissioned Officers Foundation Scholarship**. David attends Brigham Young University. His COA sponsor is LCDR Delrey K. Pearson, USPHS.

Scholarships are funded by individuals, including PHS officers both active and retired, COA branches and other organizations for as little as \$250. Persons interested in contributing to the scholarship fund, want more information or whose dependents may wish to apply for an award are encouraged to contact Brian McSheffrey, the Foundation's Development Director at 1-866-366-9593. He can also be reached at bmcshreffrey@coausphs.org